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Christmas Holidays Begin Saturday, December 18th

Holiday Period Extends From Dec. 18 To January 3rd.; Classes Resume On 4th.

Brother Alexis, S. C., President of St. Stanislaus has announced the Christmas holidays will extend from Saturday morning, December 18th until Jan. 3rd., that is, the Boarding Students will report on the evening of the third. All classes will resume, Tuesday, January 4th.

This period will allow ample time to shop for Christmas, and will permit every hunter to get in all the times he wishes to get ducks, rabbits, squirrels and anything else shootable in Louisiana and Mississippi.

THE ROCK-A-CHAW wishes to extend sincere good wishes to every one, Students, Parents, Alumni, and all our readers for a Most Blessed and Merry Christmas, and a happy, happy, New Year.

Elected Vice-President Southern Association Private Schools

BROTHER LINUS, S. C.

The Southern Association of Private Schools, to which Brother Linus was elected vice-president for the coming year, is a group of the Private Colleges and High Schools (Catholic, Non-Catholic, and Non-Sectarian) from the eleven Southern States.

The organization has for its purpose the grouping of those schools which though members of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and being qualified in all standards defined by this association, are more specialized in scope and philosophy.

Among the most active in the Association are the Church-schools All Saints' College of Vicksburg; St. Mary's Hall of San Antonio; St. Andrew's of Tennessee; Our Lady of The Lake, San Antonio; St. Genevieve of the Pines, Asheville, Ursuline College and Dominican College fo New Orleans, all the Jesuit institutions; also, many of the military schools, such as Marion Institute of Alabama; Georgia Military Academy and Riverside Military of Georgia, Texas Military, Gulfcoast Military and many others.

Some of these institutions are among the oldest in the Southland. Many date from pre-Civil War days and others back to Revolutionary times, such as St. Stanislaus, Ursuline, St. Josephs Academy, Bay St. Louis, Randolph-Macon, Staunton Military Academy, Fairfax Hall —these latter are located in Virginia —they number among their Alumni many notable Generals who did notable service for our country.

Many of the outstanding leaders in the Educational Field have come from the Association of Private Schools. Notable among these are Mr. Spencer McCallie, Sr., Headmaster Emeritus of McCallie School of Chattanooga; Col. W. R. Brewster, Headmaster of Georgia Military Academy; Mr. W. R. Webb, of the Webb School, Bell Buckle, Tennessee; and, the current President of

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SAINT STANISLAUS ALUMNI COMMITTEE NAMED BY PRESIDENT

Mid-Winter Meeting Set For Sunday, March 20 In New Orleans

The Executive Committee of the Alumni Association of St. Stanislaus met with some interested members Sunday, November 28th at the New Orleans Athletic Club. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the propriety of raising a Scholarship fund in memory of Brother Peter.

In addition to the Executive Committee, there were several men present who contributed very much to the discussion. All in all, it was a most enthusiastic gathering. Every one present at one time or another contributed some ideas to the question.

Dr. Marion J. Wolfe, President of the Alumni Association appointed a Ccommittee to make a study of the whole question, draw up a plan which will be submitted to the Executive Committee prior to the Mid-winter meeting. The following were named: Rev. Brother Alexis, President of St. Stanislaus, as an Ex-officio member; Mr. Michael M. Irwin, Class 1913; Omer Kuebel, Class 1922; Peter P. Banville, Class 1926; Lucien M. Gex, Class 1925; Brother Edmund, S. C., Secretary of the Association.

The Executive Committee after due deliberation decided to hold the Mid-winter meeting Sunday, March 20th in New Orleans. Time and place will be announced later in the season.

SODALISTS HOLD JOINT RECEPTION; SOCIAL FOLLOWS

Seventy-Two Stanislaus Students Pledge Adherence To Blessed Mother

Seventy-two students from Stanislaus joined with Sodalists of St. Josephs Academy took part in the reception held at Our Lady of the Gulf Church Friday evening.

The Right Reverend Msgr. A. J. Gmelch, Pastor, officiated at the reception and was celebrant of Benediction following the ceremony.

In this reception, the Sodalists pledge loyalty to the Blessed Mother, and promise to live up to the rules of the Sodality affiliated with the Prima Pri-Maria of Rome.

Following the ceremonies held at the church, the sodalists of St. Josephs Academy prepared a social for the new members followed by dancing in which all members from both schools took part.

HOME ON VISIT

MOST REVEREND BISHOP LEO F. FAHEY

BISHOP FAHEY VISITS BAY; WILL SPEAK TO STUDENTS BEFORE LEAVING

Most Reverend [illegible] F. Fahey, Baker City, Oregon, is home on a visit for a few weeks. He attended the annual meeting of the Catholic Bishops of the United States held in Washington on November 17th. He accompanied Bishop Gerow back to Mississippi last Thursday.

Last Friday, Bishop Fahey visited the Faculty of St. Stanislaus. He told us of he fine work being done in his diocese, and added that he had plenty of work for additional priests.

The Baker City diocese is vast. Many of the parishes are hidden away in the mountains. The faithful horse is still used by many of the Priests who attend outlying missions, especially in the winter when the roads are impassable for automobiles.

The mountain roads, said Bishop Fahey, "Are more than sufficient to keep a man's conscience in good condition. Frequently one can look down on his left and see the green grass some fifteen hundred feet below. There is nothing between the road and the depths but God's good air."

Bishop Fahey has promised to speak to the Student body before leaving for Baker City, if his schedule will permit. As the good Bishop is an Alumnus of St. Stanislaus, he can readily sympathize with the troubles of the present crop that make the student population.

Flies Take Annual Classic With Great Runs In Fourth

COAST SODALITY UNION DISCUSSES COMMUNISM

St. Stanislaus Sodality Plays Host For January Meeting

The Coast Sodality Union held its monthly meeting at Gulfport last Tuesday. After the opening prayer by Rev. Father Killen, the roll call was responded to by some one hundred and thirty-four members from the Coast sodalities.

The Prefect Miss Patsy Gex from Bay St. Louis, announced a special meeting of two representatives from each sodality immediately following the general conclave.

Sacred Heart of Biloxi asked for the February meeting which was granted without a dissenting vote; St. Joseyh, Bay St. Louis was awarded the March meeting. It was arranged at the last general meeting to award St. Stanislaus the meeting of January 10th.

Miss Sherry Roerich of Gulfport read a paper entitled "Communism vs. Democracy." Miss Roerich outlined the fallacies of Communism, and mentioned that the reason Catholics are against Communism is that the Marxian philosophy totally disregards God and the individual Her closing was most impressive, she said, "that we are against Communistic teaching because it is synonymous with evil, and all that is detrimental to good citizenship. That no American could honestly take up Communism and claim to be a good citizen."

Brother Berchmans, S. C., Moderator of the St. Stanislaus Sodality, led the discussion on the paper by asking questions from the sodalists. He received many fine answers indicating that the members had really made some study on the evil o Communism.

Just before the closing prayer Father Killen announced that the Knights of Columbus of Biloxi were sponsoring the appearance of Mrs. Elizabeth Bentley who would give a talk on Commuists in America Mrs. Bentley appeared before the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities last summer and unfolded a number of accusations against important men in our Government who are supposed to have betrayed their trust to a foreign government.

Mrs. Bentley was recently bapized by the Rt. Reverend Fulton Sheen noted radio speaker for the Catholic Hour.

Seventy Pound Squad Makes Hit; Rhodes Of Fleas Scores First; Patterson and Tucker Salt Game For Flies

John Henry Weston Team Trophy Awarded Shelby Tucker, Fly Captain

Despite the threatening weather last Sunday a fine crowd was on hand at the Stanislaus Stadium to witness the 32nd anuual battle between the mighty Flies and the strong-arm Fleas.

The Flies won the game 7 to 6 with superior play in the midfield from each of its groups. The difference of the one point was through the cleverness of ShelbyTucker in skirting around end for the extra point late in the fourth period.

Kenny Artigues, Captain of the Seventy pound Fleas put his team in scoring position early in the second quarter by his clipping off three fine runs of 15, 20, and thirty yards. Willis Rhodes scored from the ten yard line which was to prove the only score for the Fleas.

The same team threatened a couple of times when the heavies groups were on the field. Bobby Falgout got away for a couple of great runs, but penalties threw them back. Julian Marse had a hard luck run of some eighty-five yards called back when a team-mate was penalized for holding.

In the fourth quarter, Maurice Patterson, a veteran ran the ends ragged and scored on an end run from the Flea fifteen. Shelby Tucker convertel for the winning point by an off-tackle play.

At the close of the game the John Henry Weston Team Trophy was presented the winners' captain Shelby Tucker by John H. Weston, a Freshman at St. Stanislaus. Brother Briant presented the ball played in the game to Carl Nunez of the Flea Squad for the highest number of tickets sold.

The sponsors of the FLIES were: Queen, Barbara Thompson, Maids: Rosalee Wagner, Carol Ann Richardson, Marie E. Vassalli, Jackie Taillac, Gwen Heitzmann, Linda Kay Fucich, Nancy Ryland, Patsy Villere, Celeste Chevis, Gay Rhodes, Carole Sue Kenworthy, and Emelee Delph.

The FLY Court was: July Heitzmann, Queen; Maids, Elsie Mae Benigno, Linda Ladner, Myra Monti, Gail Seghers, Noll Breaud, Patsy Morreale, Myrna Nelson, Mildred Piazza, Patsy Anderson, Mary Henderson, Angelina Benigno, Marie Saucier.

When orchids are to be passed around, Brother Briant will have to receive the largest for the fine organizational work done. Then, too the Coaches who were so self sacrificing every day after school prepping these youngsters for their big day—Johnny Uhle, Howard Gilmore, Beverly May, Chris Friedrichs, John Caruso, Gilbert Schmidt, Leonard Bowman, and Billy Lafitteau. Also, Brothers Arthur and Sidney.

TO OUR PATRONS, STUDENTS, AND FRIENDS—

The Christmas season is approaching with all its sweet memories of the Christ Child and the joys and happiness which He brought into the world.....These He lavishes profusely on all men "of good will."

May I and each of the Brothers of Saint Stanislaus join with all your other friends in wishing you this "good will," with which all the other blessings and graces of the Christmas season come. May the Divine Infant of Bethlehem fill you with the abundance of His grace, and may the peace and happiness and holy joy of Christmas Day remain with you throughout the New Year.

Cordially yours,

BROTHER ALEXIS, S. C.

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ST. STANISLAUS

By Thomas Griffin, Roving Reporter—The Item

Bay St. Louis, Miss.—Brother Alexis, principal of St. Stanislaus College, sat at his desk, a dark-haired, mild-mannered man with a beam in his eye. The beam was on two football trophies of spun gold, received just a few days ago, as a result of Stanislaus' trimuph over St. John's of Shreveport, 14-0, in the CYO Bowl in Alexandria.

One was a school award, emblematic of the victory; the other was a personal tribute to Joe David III of New Orleans, who was voted the outstanding player in the game.

The trophies themselves signified that this Catholic School for boys, now in its 59th year of operation by the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, still turns out athletes as well as scholars of a high quality.

One of the more recent, more illustrious of the alumni, is "Doc" Blanchard the famous "Mr. Outside" of the all conquering Army backfield of a couple of seasons ago. "Mr. Outside" is currently Lieut, Felix A. Blanchard, stationed at an airfield somewhere in Arizona, but Brother Alexis tells me he was back a few weeks ago with a bride for a honeymoon visit. He got married Oct. 12.

Before Blanchard there was Marchmont Schwartz of Notre Dame, and "Wop" Glover and "Baby Grand" Scafide of Tulane, to bring reflected glory to Stanislaus for the moleskin magic they learned here.

And even now, even as Brother Alexis was beaming on the two new trophies, scores of "Fleas" and "Flies" were out in the yard practicing up for their big annual game which has been a highlight of the grammar grades for the last 32 years.

The "Fleas" and "Flies" range in weight from 65 to 105 pounds, but what they lack in size they make up in noise and trickery. You have never seen a football put to such usage as they put it.

There were eight teams (four for each side) going through their paces when Brother Alexis introduced me to Brother Bryant, the coach who promptly said he felt "more like a major-domo of a circus."

The major-domo then outlined his plan to play one team for each side for each quarter of the game, beginning with the 65-pounders and working his way up, matching them for size, until the 105-pound limit is reached in the last quarter. He hoped, too, he would be able to find some undersize footballs for the kids to hang on to as they swapped the ball back and forth in the "T" formation.

Proceeds of the game go to a Christmas Tree celebration at the college at which the poor children of Bay St. Louis and Hancock County are given presents.

The idea was started 32 years ago by Brother Peter, a man whose name became synonymous with St. Stanislaus as a teacher counsellor and friend of boys during his long years of service at the college. He was principal for the third time, off and on, when he died in New Orleans on Sept. 26 at the age of 59.

Brother Alexis, who took over the reins on Aug. 4, taught at St. Stanislaus from 1934 to 1942, and was recalled from Metuchen, N. J., where he was training young teachers, when it became apparent Brother Peter was a dying man. He plans no majoj changes in policy for the present.

Although called a "college," St. Stanislaus' scope of education runs from the fourth grade in grammar school though high shcool At present the school has 224 boarders, mostly from New Orleans, but 15 states and 10 foreign countries are also represented. It is also just about the most prosperous institution left in Bay St. Louis since the hurricane of '47.

The beach-front road to Waveland is still a shambles of ups and downs and washouts. Consequently, all business establishments are feeling the pinch of reduced tourist trade. Even the post office has been demoted from a first-class to a second-class rating because of falling receipts.

But the college, founded in 1854, has ridden out numerous storms, and is still turning away boys for lack of space. The last hurricane blew some slates off the roof of the red brick building but none of the faculty or students was even scratched.

These sturdy "new" structures were buit in 1903 following a disastrous fire which wiped out the whole wooden frame college—except the dining room.

The conflagration of undetermined origin, occurred on the last day of school, but Brother Alexis is confident it was not set by a disgruntled student.

"Our boys are smarter than that," he said. "If they were going to burn down the school, they would do it in the middle of the semester."

ALUMNI.

Your prayers are asked for the souls of: Edward B. Hardtner, '42, who was killed last week by an L. and N. train in Gulfport; the father of Albert Moustier who died in New Orleans last Sunday.

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Mike Irwin, '16, was recently elected Vice President of the New Orleans Athletic Club. Congratulations, Mike.

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The Rock-A-Chaw will open its columns to all subscribers to the Brother Peter Memorial Scholarship Fund. All the members will be enlightened as to the purpose of this fund when we meet on March 20th.

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The Executive Committee in its meeting of November 28th decided on the March 20th date as at that time Hotels will be available for those who wish to stay over. Too, the dining room space for the banguet will be bigger and better at that time than any other during the year.

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We would like everyone who was at the meeting last year to pass around the good word about the time of the big meeting. March 20th. We are still short three or four hundred names on the Alumni roster-that is we don't know where to address a letter.

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If nothing interferes, you will have a copy of the Alumni Directory before Christmas. We ask that you send at least one dollar to help defray expenses of printing and engraving work or whatever your generosity distastes. If you don't like the book after five days perusal, return it, and we shall be glad to refund you the postage.

SONG WID WOIDS

Ups and goes to Midnight Mass on Christmas_____
Though I hadn't went to Mass for 'leven years_____
I thought of my little sister who's gone wr[illegible]s me_____
And down came de tears. . . .
I thought of what nuts we are to fall for de woild's baloney_____
I felt humilty—and I tuck a sock at me pride_____
I felt like a sap kneelin' in choich,—
I felt like a rat in a rainbow_____
I felt like a flea on a bride_____
It wasn't de music, it wasn't de lights and de roses_____
Nor de swell lookin' goils goin to Holy Communion, dat tuck me down-
But it was de crib wit a little stature of the Blessed Voigin_____
In her blue gown. . . .
And I wisht to God I was a kid again up in de Bronx
So 'dat she cud take me in her arms at Midnight Mass.
I felt like crawlin' tru de hay to be dere beside Her_____
And take de place of de ass.

T. B. —IN AMERICA

CHRISTMAS TREE TOYS DISTRIBUTED DEC. 22

Brother Alexis has slated December 22, tentatively, as the date for the distribution of toys and gifts for the Brother Peter Memorial Christmas tree.

Date for distribution will depend upon the probable visit of Santa Claus, that is, when he can make Bay St. Louis, and of course the men needed ingredients are most impor- who help make deliveries of these tant--if they are late in getting to the Bay, the date will of necessity have to be postponed, but it is hoped that everyone will co-operate with old Santa and all will be made happy on the 22nd of December.

All these good things are being obtained through the various games; the FLEA-FLY; Bay St. Louis Tigers Keesler Field Fliers; and, the Mullet Bowl, the last of which takes place on the 19th.

COMING EVENTS

Dec. 17—Kiln, Basbetball
Dec. 18—Holidays Begin
Jan. 3—Holidays, end
Jan. 15—Next ROCK-A-CHAW.

Plaque donated by John Henry Weston on which each year will be inscribed the winners and losers of the FLEA-FLY game.
--Photo by Scafidi Studio

Rambling Review

(By Jim Egan)

You think Mandrake is great, hmh! Look at what coaches Burge and Thames did with our football team this year! . . . .

6 victories; 4 losses . . . Sunday saw the Flies pitted against the Fleas . . . or should I say a pair of football pants against a jersey . . . The Flies won 7-6 . . . anyway I picked the score . . . Football ends Thursday; Basketball and boxing start Monday . . . Coach didn't want anybody to break training, did he! . . . g-g-gnat time is here . . . No! Not n-n-nite time, g-g-gnat time . . . Softball is here . . . ask some Senior or Junior . . . Mickey Dolan found his "toe" in our last two games . . . 4 for 5 . . . only 7 more days till the Christmas holidays begin (if the paper gets out on time) . . (adv.) If you're tired and let down try some Swamp-woer . . . to get correct pronunciation ask Joy) . . . "eh, hot tamale" . . "chili concon" . . . "oh, Figaro" . . . is the soyings, or at least the sounds, the Spanish boys make while playing soccer . . . Boo Boo, what happened to the table cloths in the dining room last Tuesday? . . "they'll be back when the weather permits," quoth Bro. Flavian . . . can't play football in the rain, but what about basketball, eh Joe? . . . looks as though sports makes for the good boy—at least for the Seniors—look at those conduct marks . . . some boys should be thanked for their donation towards the record fund . . . no change . . . curiosity killed the cat . . . but what happened when they looked at those "diamond" rings "floating around the campus . . . Aw, that's all wet! . . . Brother Linus, "The senior rings will be in by the fifteenth of this month, he hopes! . . . Two Sugar Bowl tickets on the 50, for two bits . . . Sounds crazy, well it 'aint.' Take a chance on 'em, you might win . . . given smart answers in class is a course at Metuchen, says Levy Ladner (the inside man) . . . If I don't stop here, it'll be after Christmas, not 7 days before, when this comes out, so—Merry New Year and Happy Christmas.

CAMPUS MUSINGS

(By R. U. Young)

Any one wishing a subscription "YOUNG LOVE" please apply to Don. Haas. (Fifty cents per issue or $7.20 per annum. B. Flavian can recommend same.)

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Dick Horgan asks that all his friends refrain from thrusting him into the trash cans—sort of embarrassing getting out, especially as Dick is not so small around the hips.

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The pipe fad has hit the campus. All kinds and shapes. We would like to recommend a special brand of tobacco, as some friends suggested, but you will find a swell display ad. on the last page.

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That fog-like noise heard in Study Hall occasionaly is nothing but Mickey Dolan trying to get rid of a "cawld in the hed."

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Johnny LaBruzza wants his name in this column. What we can say about him is yery little. We can ask Santa Claus to bring him those elevator shoes he craves! Is that sufficient, Johnny?

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The Editor was flooded with requests to hand to Old Nick for Christmas, but gosh darn, we just don't know where to send 'em; and we don't have time to deliver them in person—so have a heart, fellows, and here's wishing you get all your desires fulfilled for Christmas.

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By the way, speaking of Christmas, (I gotta try to finish this column) here's wishing all our readers, young and old, good-looking and ugly—a most Merry Christmas —will be seeing you after Christmas—you know with the New Year.

A Christmas Message

It is not riches or elaborate gifts that
make a Christmas merry . . . but the simple,
familiar wishes of neighbors and friends, plus
an unassailable faith in our Lord and Protector.
With this thought, we raise our voices in the age-old
greeting, "A Merry Christmas to each and everyone."

The Faculty and Student Body of

Saint Stanislaus

Sidelines Club Holds Interesting Meeting

Brother Flavian Outlines Plans For Stadium; Regional Conference Announced

The St. Stanislaus Sidelines Club met last Wednesday with Mr. Leo Kenney presiding in the absence of the president, Mr. Harold B. Weston.

Coach Burge addressed the forty-odd members concerning the GCMA game and the reasons for the advance in date from Friday to Thursday night. He also outlined the rivalry that has existed between the two schools dating from 1918. The Cadets have always given trouble to the Rockachaws no matter what kind of season they might have had, and this year, Coach Burge felt would be no exception. The Cadets have won but two games this fall. Many of their games were outside their class, plus the fact that they had been hampered by injuries to key players. In as far as the Rockachaws were concerned they would again be going against a much heavier team, and some very fast backfield men. With the exception of one or two of the regulars, all the Stanislaus men would be in top shape for the final game of the season.

Brother Flavian, in answer to a question regarding additional stands on the West side of the field, said that such a project was in the making. Too, that additional lights which had been donated by a friend of the Brothers, would almost double the power now on the field.

Brother went on to explain that there was an absolute need for practice fields in the stadium if we wish to keep the playing field in top conition for the varsity games. It has been proposed that three or more such fields be cut from that portion of ground behind the stands on the West side and terminating at the West wall. This would necessitate making the field beyond the West wall into a parking lot. Entrances will be cut into the West wall for the convenience of the patrons to the games.

While Brother had the floor, he took the opportunity of speaking about proposed schedules next year. In the new State Athletic set-up, St. Stanislaus will play in CLASS A competition in the Southern Region. Some other schools in this region are: Picayune, Gulfcoast Military, Petal, Sumrall, and Purvis. There will be at least eight teams in this particular conference. As to how many games must be played to qualify for State playoff, that question will be decided some time in late January when a meeting will be called and schedules arranged. Inasmuch as many of the teams operating under Varsity competition style of play, and too, that many of style of play, and too, that many of the boys on arriving at the varsity are totally lacking in fundamentals, it was moved by Mr .Walter J. Gex, Jr., that an additional Coach be engaged who would collaborate with the Head Coach in matters of stlye and play. This was seconded by Dr. M. J. Wolfe. A committee was appointed by the Chair to meet with Brother Alexis as to the feasibility of this plan. The members of this Committee are: Messrs, W. J. Gex, Dr. Wolfe, Eddie Arceneaux, Frank Trapani, and Leo Ford.

Mr. Forster Commagere made a motion, seconded by Lucien Gex, that a Committee be appointed by the Chair to look into the needs of the stadium regarding the proposed practcie fields, lights ,and additional needs for the comfort of visting teams and spectators. The Chair appointed: Forster Commagere, Lucien Gex, and George Horton, and asked that a report be made at the next meeting.

Dr. M. J. Wolfe, President of the Alumni Association addressed the members as to the proposals of the Alumni Association to set up a Scholarship Fund in memory of Brother Peter. Donors to this fund are not limited to the Alumni, all friends and former students of the school will be solicited to help swell the fund. A board of trustees with the President of St. Stanislaus an ex-officio member will have direction of this fund with the President of St. Stanislaus to have final word as to acceptance of any student.

Food Of The Soul

Do you want to be strong and vigorous and alive in soul as well as body?

To become strong and healthy in body, it is necessary to eat wholesome food and to eat it frequently! Without this there can be no physical strength. What would you think of a boy who said: "oh, yes; I want to become strong in body, and therefore I will get splenty of sleep, fresh air, and exercise; but I will eat food no more than once or twice a month." You would readily know that this boy is talking arrant nonsense, and does not really wish to become strong.

The same is true of the soul. There can be no strength or vigor of soul, to overcome evil and do good unless the food of the soul is received frequently and even daily; and this food, as you know, is the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion. Christ Himself said: "Unless you eat of the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink His Blood, you shall not have life in you."

Perhaps the most important single habit for a young man to acquire during his school days is the habit of frequent reception of Holy Communion. Don't postpone acquiring this habit any more than you leave aside your daily food. If you do not have this wonderful habit, the time to begin forming it is not next month, nor next week, but now, tomorrow morning.

As you well know, we become by degrees like those with whom we associate most. In Holy Communion, we have the great privilege of associating with our Divine Master; and. from this frequent association we will approach more and more to real manhood and gain that strength so much needed for body and soul. Christ is the genuine model of manhood.

Let us not pass up our opportunities. We have an excellent time at our disposal beginning shortly in the Novena for Christmas which is a Catholic way of preparing for the Christ Child—go to Communion every day of the novena.—B. B.

A REQUEST TO SANTA CLAUS

(THE ROCK-A-CHAW has been requested to print the following. We presuppose the author's name is genuine as attached to the letter; we are not responsible for delivery nor any answer to said request or petition.)

Dearest Santa Claus:

(I use this salutation hoping it will give you the same thrill it usually gives the girls I write.) I do not wish to waste your valuable time with flattery (like me and Downy)—you already know how good-looking and handsome you are. Will get down to business at once.

As you may well know, I am still young, hence there is no limit to my desires for Christmas fulfillment. Really I wish only a few as you will note from the enumeration following . . . Headiny the list, is natch-reely but def-GIRLS. I just want them to write me. I got oodles of them on the string, but all of them can't write. (I am beginning to worry about one in particular, she has definite ideas which is not good for a cassonova like me.) For instance I have always had trouble making a Capital J, even though my name begins with that letter—whoops I almost told you her name. I just want your help when I meet this gal during the holidays (I haven't seen her since the late Biloxi convention) I don't want to be blushing all over myself when I get to Yazoo City. So, please help me out, will ya?

Now, with all the baskefball material running around here wild and ready to grab, you'll have to help me out there, too. I wanna make the team. Just skip it to me quietly. (We have ambitions to take the State Crown this year; and I like to travel.)

By the way, another thing. Put Dad in good humor for the holidays. I would like to use the car for a few days (I didn't say Yazoo City again, did I?) But I want to see that metropolis of the Delta region of this great State. Believe three days will be quite enough. Therefore, use your influence with Dad (he is Joe B. David, former Presidednt of the Mid-winter Sports Association).

If I can get this put through with your help, I'll do anything for you. Maybe I could wangle a couple of fifty-yard tickets for you and the wife. Gosh, but there seems to be an inexhaustible supply of fifty yard tickets. Well, any way, I'll see that you witness the game, even if I have to get a Television set for your pleasure. A loan of one for course.)

Pleadingly yours,
Joe Benjamin David, III.

Roots of Culture

YOUR BIRTHSTONE AND ITS MEANING

THOUGHTS FOR HOLIDAY DRIVING

Death and selfishness ride beside every unthinking and reckless driver of an automobile. If a driver is right in his mind, he will drive carefully at all times. Statistics indicate that the majority of automobile accidents are caused not so much because of speed as recklessness in driving. We usually call it "snake driving," or "cow boy driving." This is small boy stuff, trying to show off—especially if there is a half-wit girl alongside of the driver. During the coming Christmas holidays many will have the opportunities to make every other driver his "brother's keeper." Keep in the right and keep to the right is a very valuable rule for safe and sane driving.

Every one wishes to have a swell time at Christmas—they also want to be up and around to welcome the New Year, hence, give yourself and every one else a chance to enjoy driving carefully at all times. Don't be selfish. Don't try to take the whole road. Better to be late than sorry.—E. D.

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LEATHER PUSHERS ANSWER CALL

Several Lettermen And Some 25 Respond To First Call For Training

(By George Hamilton)

Jimmy Curran, Jerry Keifer, Bobby Mills, and Henry Capdepon each of whom won State titles in their respective classes last year again answered the initial call for Boxing training this past week.

Among the new boys to respond were: Eugene Schwartz, Leroy Noto, Russel Simons, Charles Curet, Albert Piazza, John LaBruzzo, J. V. Morreale, Jimmy Egan, L. Benvenutti, Bill Gearheard, Toni Stimmel, Marty Burke, Mike Gibbons, Harry Busbee, Erby Aucoin, Paul Hatrel, Curtis Simons, Paul Palermo, Lester Pyle, Santiago Rivara, Jonn Hutherie, William Ellis, Frank Dominique, Walter Powell, John Saravanja, Alfredo Canler, Townsley St. Paul, Don Haas, H. Kilpatrick, Charles Staehle, Paul Hurley and Pedro Gonzales.

There is an abundance of material in weights between 110 and 130 but the heavy weights seem to be at a premium unless some of the fellows can be induced to eat more fattening foods!

Coach Thames is very well pleased with the initial call. He has hopes of again putting out a winner with the co-operation of the boys on hand. To date, road work and getting into condition are the two points being stressed.

Jim Weithman will be the Manager this year and will assist Coach Thames wherever he can be best used.

ROLL OF HONOR

SECOND TERM

SENIORS: Joseph B. David, Andrew Desormeaux, Mickey Dolan, Rudolph Young.

JUNIORS: Howard Gilmore, George Hamilton, Richard Horgan, Carroll Derveloy, John Gutknecht, Frank Schmidt.

SOPHOMORES: Robert Cagle, Vincent Liberto, Scott Assenheimer, Grant Gearheard, James Holmes.

FRESHMAN: Richard Brown, Gregory Favre, Allan Geary, Stephen Hewick, Eugene Cagle, Paul Hurley, Donald Mathes.

EIGHTH: Frank Brown, Ellis Cuevas, Eugene Dabezies, Richard Englisbee, Moises Garcia, Roy O'Neil, Thomas Schoen, J. Shelby Tucker, and Donald Levy.

SEVENTH: Edmund Aime, James Becnel, Anthony Benigno, Fabian Buquoi, James Harrison, Harold Johnston, Joseph Kern. Henry LaRocca, Ernest Posey, Joseph Pulizzano, William Scarborough, David Tucker.

SIXTH: John Calhoun, Louis Fernandez, Richard Ferry, John Glover, Anthony Loiacano, Louis Maumus, Douglas Talbot, George Weems.

FIFTH: Larry Mathes, Philip Menk, Barry Bontemps, Gilbert Hattier, John Harrison.

FOURTH: Arthur Chapman, Peter Henderson, John Joyce, Theodore Stechmann, Robert Hubbard, Byron Favre, and John Boys.

Brother Briant, S. C., presenting ball to Carl Nunez, who was captain of the Day —Photo by Scafidi Studio

STANISLAUS CLOSES FOOTBALL SEASON WITH A BANG

Rocks Garner Six Games From Ten Game Schedule

(By John Piazza)

St. Stanislaus rang down the curtain on the 1948 schedule last Thursday night by coming from behind to whip Gulfcoast Military Academy 20 to 13.

The Rocks started the season like a house afire winning the first games rather handidly. The best of these was against McGill on Homecoming Day. The Rocks took this 18 to 6, upsetting the dopesters who had Stanislaus tagged for a big defeat.

The Picayune High took the Rockachaws to the cleaners in several ways aside from the score. Levy Ladner and Hearne were knocked out on the running in this game which weakened the chances against the St. Aloysius Crusaders the following weekend. Again, Coach Burge's boys upset the prognostications of the New Orleans papers by holding the heavier Crusaders to a lone touchdown. The score of this game was St. Aloysius 6; Stanislaus 0.

The Panama City game was just too much of a lark for "country boys." The Florida boys did some fancy dancing around the field and when the final whistle blew, Stanislaus was trailing 26 to 6.

The Rocks blew back into the win column at the expense of St. John's of Shreveport in the C. Y. O. Bowl game at Alexandria. Two touchdowns with conversions from the educated toe of Mickey Dolan spelled a 14 to 0 game for the Stanislaus Rockachaws.

All in all, credit for the comeback rests with the Coaches Burge and Thames. They were patient with the boys, and their patience was rewarded. To both Coaches, hats off for a swell Coaching job.

SENIORS SLATED FOR NROTC EXAMS TODAY

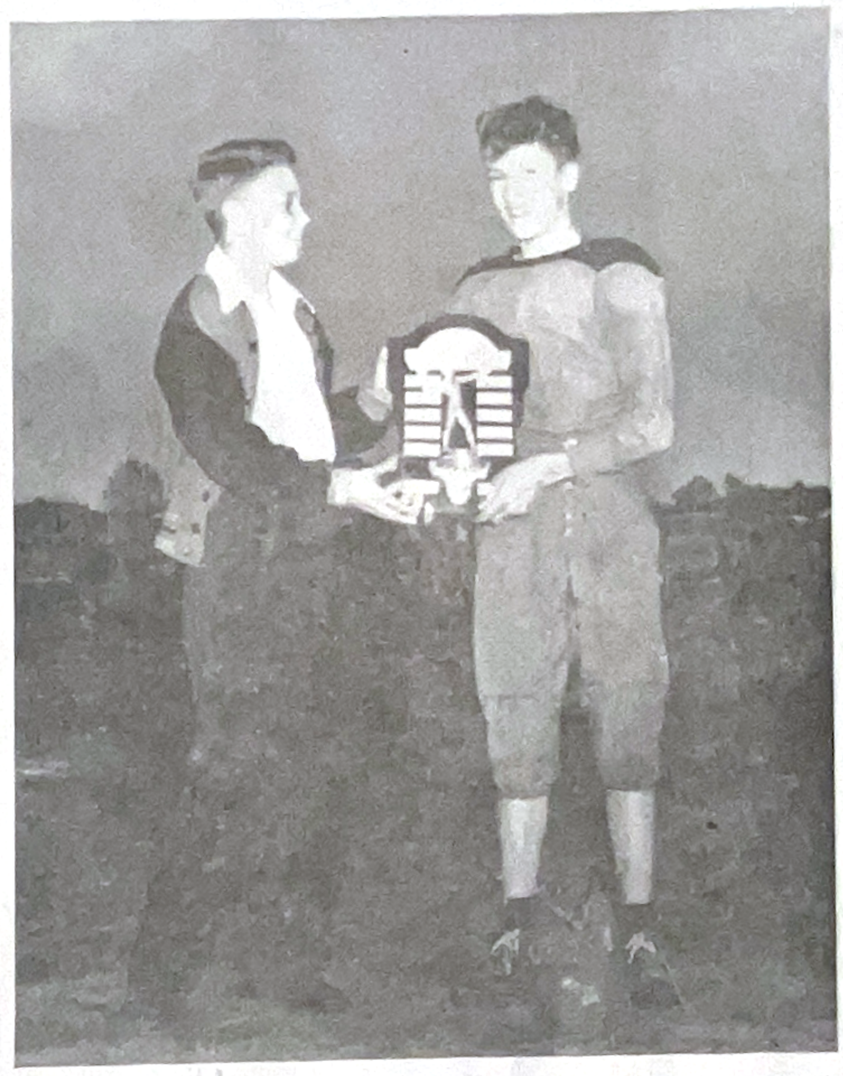
(By J. Piazza)

A number of Seniors will report at Tulane University, New Orleans today to participate in Naval Reserve examinations for place in the Naval Reserve Officers' Training Course.

The successful candidates will be given opportunity of attending College at the expense of the Government with the understanding that when the college course has been completed, the Candidate will put in at least four years in service with the regular Navy.

All students in the ROTC are exempt from the Draft, if they continue to make good grades, otherwise they drop into the Naval enlistment group

The tests will offer golden opportunities for the Stanislaus students who wish to make a Navy career, even for those who do not have the service in mind and a career, the education acquired will fit a man for many things in life.



Presentation of Plaque by John Weston to Shelby Tucker, Captain of the winning team—The FLIES. —Photo by Scafidi Studio

FROM THE ROCK-A-CHAW FILES 1932

The first issue of the ROCK-A-CHAW, September 1932. It was small but ambitious.

The Menu for Sunday, October 16, 1932 is typical (of today.)

BREAKFAST
Bacon and Eggs, Grits
Bread, Butter, Coffee

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DINNER
Roast Pork
Yams a-la Hawaiian, Rice
Creole Gravy
Grape Leomnade---Ice Cream

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SUPPER
Cold Plate Lunch
Figs, Hot Choclate
Bread---Crackers

Our Alma Mater song was composed by Brother Harold; the music by Brother Romuald, Music Professor.

The 1933 Football schedule. Springhill, Ala.; Aloysius, Warren Easton, Picayune, Bogalusa, S. J. Peters, Pascagoula, and McGill.

Brother Casimir took over the Coaching of Basketball when Mr. Grady Perkins was elected Commissioner of Bay St. Louis.

Even back in 1932 the pipe smoking fad was in full swing—the track men and even the basketball players were allowed a couple of pipes a day!

The spring of 1933 saw the rebirth of baseball after a lapse of a couple of years. Brother Vincent, S. C. directed the efforts of the Rockachaws on the diamond.

"A toast heard in 1932, which by the way is still good: To The Girls; We admire them for their beauty, respect them for their intelligence, adore them for their virtue and love them because we can't help it."

TENTATIVE SCHEDULES

BOXING—

Jan. 13—Demonstration, here
Jan. 17—Brooklyn, there
Jan. 20—G. C. M. A., here
Jan. 24—Catholic Hi, there (Donaldsonville)
Jan. 31—Demonstration, there
Feb. 3—Bay High, here
Feb. 7—Bay Springs, there
Feb. 10—Bay Springs, there
Feb. 14—G. C. M. A., there
Feb. 17—Catholic High, here
Feb. 21—Bay High, here
Feb. 27—Bay Springs, here.

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BASKETBALL—

Dec. 17—Kiln H. S., here
Jan. 11—Notre Dame, there
Jan. 18—St. Martin, there
Jan. 21—G. C. M .A., here
Jan. 25—Picayune, there
Jan. 27-28-29—Bay HighTournament
Feb. 1—Notre Dame, there
Feb. 4—St. Martin, here
Feb. 8—Biloxi, here
Feb. 11—Picayune here
Feb. 15—Biloxi, there
Feb. 18—Bay Hi, here
Feb. 22—G. C. M. A., there.

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The officers elected for the ensuing year are Dr. Edmund Lee, Chatham Hall, Virginia, President; Brother Linus, S. C., St. Stanislaus, Vice President; Miss Edith Lewis, Headmistress, Girls' Preparatory School, Chattanooga, 2nd. Vice President; and, Secretary, Mr. Spencer McCallie, Jr., McCallie School, Chattanooga, Tenn.

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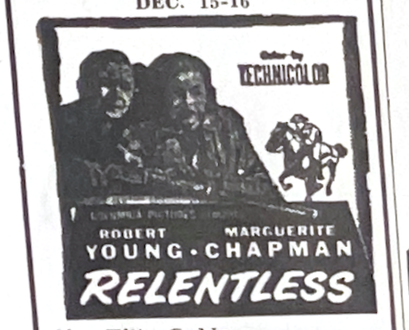

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